

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A trigger assembly for an electric power tool, comprising:
a switch for electrical connection to ~~said~~ a power tool for controlling ~~its~~ operation of the power tool;

a trigger coupled with the switch for operating the switch, the trigger having upper and lower ends and being pivotable about ~~its~~ the upper end between an outer position, in which the switch is open, and an inner position, in which the switch is closed; and

a locking member ~~provided~~ located adjacent the lower end of the trigger for locking the trigger in the outer position, the locking member being movable from a locking position, locking the trigger in the outer position, to an unlocking position, releasing the trigger.

2. (Currently Amended) The trigger assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the locking member is ~~provided~~ located inside the lower trigger end.

3. (Currently Amended) The trigger assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the locking member is carried by the lower ~~trigger~~ end of the trigger.

4. (Currently Amended) The trigger assembly as claimed in claim 1, including a spring ~~provided~~ located inside the lower ~~trigger~~ end of the trigger and resiliently biasing the locking member into the locking position.

5. (Currently Amended) The trigger assembly as claimed in claim 4, further including a release member accessible on ~~the~~ outside of the trigger and in engagement with the locking member ~~to enable~~ for manual movement of the locking member to the unlocking position against ~~the~~ action of the spring.

6. (Currently Amended) The trigger assembly as claimed in claim 5, ~~wherein~~ including a rod connecting the release member is connected to the locking member by a rod on which, wherein the spring is disposed on the rod, and the rod co-acts between the locking member and the trigger.

7. (Original) The trigger assembly as claimed in claim 5, wherein the release member comprises a knob slidably supported on the trigger.

8. (Currently Amended) The trigger assembly as claimed in claim 1, including a fixture for abutment by the locking member in the locking position to ~~thereby~~ lock the trigger in the outer position, the locking member being manually movable to the unlocking position to avoid the fixture.

9. (Original) The trigger assembly as claimed in claim 8, wherein the fixture comprises a part of a casing of the switch.

10. (Original) The trigger assembly as claimed in claim 8, wherein the fixture comprises a projection substantially aligned with the locking member when the locking member is in the locking position.

11. (Currently Amended) The trigger assembly as claimed in claim 1, including a separate releasable locking member ~~provided~~ located adjacent the upper end of the trigger for locking the trigger in the inner position.